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An unloading apparatus for unloading a roll of material such as carpet from a transport vehicle comprising a support frame having a rail running lengthwise above a roll of material within the cargo bay. A trolley system is movably attached to one end of the rail for traversing along the rail toward the rear of the vehicle. A lifting device, such as a hoist cable, attaches the trolley system to a first end a mandrel tube that passes through the roll material being supported. The tube may be adjustable in length and includes a telescoping member, which is at the end attached to the lifting device. A mobile support jack is situated outside of the cargo bay for lifting and supporting the second end of the tube when removing the roll material from the vehicle. The support jack may be moved away from the vehicle while supporting the roll of material at its second end. Additionally, a mobile support pedestal or additional jack member may be provided to support the first end of the tube when detached from the trolley system. Both the support jack and support pedestal may be provided bearing members to permit the rolled material to rotate for unrolling.